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As the Vice President for Performance Improvement at UHC, Julie Cerese is responsible for leading UHC's quality and safety strategy and for providing a seamless and coordinated set of offerings to member organizations; specifically UHC's Imperatives for Quality and the UHC Patient Safety Net. With the goal of advancing UHC members as leaders in quality and safety,

Ms. Cerese works directly with senior administrative and medical leaders in the UHC membership to improve quality of care, patient safety and efficiency through the use of data and implementation of best practices. Ms. Cerese is also responsible for optimizing interactions between UHC and national organizations such as AHRQ, NQF, TJC, etc.

Ms. Cerese has held several clinical and administrative leadership positions at academic medical centers and large teaching hospitals in Chicago. Most recently, she was the Director of Quality at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and previously the Assistant Vice President for Patient Care at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago, where she provided direction for the cardiopulmonary service line. Ms. Cerese received her undergraduate degree in Nursing and her graduate degree in Nursing Administration, both from Loyola University in Chicago.